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SUBJECT: U.S. TROPICAL PRODUCTS REQUEST LIST FOR MALAYSIA

REF: A. KUALA LUMPUR 1137, B. KUALA LUMPUR A-60, MAY 13,  
1977

1. INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO USDOC IS NOT CURRENT ENOUGH  
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TO EVALUATE CORRECTIONS TO TROPICAL PRODUCTS LIST SHOWN IN  
PARAGRAPH 11 OF REFTEL A. WE ARE AWARE OF SOME CHANGES  
WHICH OCCURRED SINCE THE ORIGINAL LIST WAS COMPILED, BUT  
OUR MOST RECENT INFORMATION (CUSTOMS DUTY ORDER 1977  
(P.U.(A)133/77) AND IMPORT STATISTICS OF MALAYSIA FOR 1976)  
DOES NOT LIST ALL CHANGES NOTED IN REFTEL. WE ARE PRE-  
PARING MORE DETAILED REQUESTS FOR FURTHER MTN DISCUSSIONS

WITH MALAYSIA. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD A CURRENT TARIFF SCHEDULE (INCLUDING METRIC EQUIVALENTS) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. THE ORIGINAL, AND NOW RATHER DATED, U.S. TROPICAL PRODUCTS REQUEST LIST FOR MALAYSIA WAS CONSTRUCTED BY WORKING FROM THE TRADE STATISTICS TO THE TARIFF NUMBER. THE CONCORDANCE BETWEEN STATISTICAL LINE NUMBER (SITC) AND TARIFF NUMBER (BTN) WAS TAKEN FROM THE MALAYSIAN IMPORT

STATISTICS FOR 1973. THUS, FOR INSTANCE, TO DETERMINE THE NATURE OF THE ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR REFRIGERATORS, ELECTRIC, OVER 12 CU. FT. CAPACITY, WE TOOK THE STATISTICAL NUMBER (7250/1200) AND REFERRED TO THE BTN NUMBER LISTED NEXT TO IT (8415460) IN THE TRADE STATISTICS BOOK. THIS ITEM, AMONG OTHERS, WAS IDENTIFIED BY THE EMBASSY IN REFTEL B. THUS, USING THIS METHOD, IN THOSE INSTANCES IN WHICH REFTEL A PARAGRAPH 11 LISTS A CHANGE IN BTN NUMBERS, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONFIRM THAT NUMBERS HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN REVISED, AND THAT ITEMS HAVE BEEN CORRECTLY IDENTIFIED.

3. IN CASE EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL TROPICAL PRODUCTS REQUEST LIST GIVING LINE-ITEM STATISTICAL NUMBERS, THEY ARE PROVIDED BELOW. THIS IS THE ORIGINAL, REPEAT ORIGINAL, INFORMATION AND IS ONLY PRO-  
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VIDED AS BACKGROUND, TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING THE CORRECTNESS OF CHANGES LISTED IN REFTEL A PARAGRAPH 11. THE ORDER OF LISTING IS BY 1973 STATISTICAL NUMBER, TARIFF NUMBER AVAILABLE WHEN THE LIST WAS FIRST COMPILED, AND DESCRIPTION.

5124/3300, (2913/300), ACETONE

5992/1300, (3811/990), OTHER INSECTICIDES ETC., OTHER THAN LIQUID

7115/1102, (8406/212), DIESEL ENGINES, STATIONARY, EXCEEDING 50 H.P. BUT NOT OVER 199 H.P.

7115/1103, (8406/213), DIESEL ENGINES, STATIONARY, OVER 199 H.P. BUT NOT OVER 600 H.P.

7115/1403, (8406/243) DIESEL ENGINES, MARINE, OVER 199 H.P. BUT NOT OVER 600 H.P.

7250/1200, (8415/460), REFRIGERATORS, ELECTRIC OVER 12 CU. FT. CAPACITY

7191/9100, (8417/110), EVAPORATORS, CONDENSERS, FOR NON-DOMESTIC REFRIGERATING EQUIPMENT

7142/0700, (8452/200), ACCOUNTING MACHINES

7143/0000, (8453/100) STATISTICAL PUNCH CARD MACHINES

4. CONCERNING PARAGRAPH 12, REFTEL A, WE BELIEVE THAT

MALAYSIA, AS PART OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS, MUST TELL US WHICH ITEMS ARE SENSITIVE AND CANNOT BE INCLUDED IN CHANGES THEY MAY MAKE IN THE SURCHARGE. THE ACTION REQUESTED ON THE INDICATIVE LIST WAS TO "REDUCE (THE SURCHARGE) ON ITEMS TO BE NEGOTIATED."

5. IN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION IN SECTION A OF PARAGRAPH 13, REFTEL A, THE SPECIFIC INSECTICIDE CATEGORY OF INTEREST CAN BE TRACED FROM MALAYSIA'S STATISTICAL LINE NUMBER LISTED ABOVE. BECAUSE OF THE DIVERSITY OF

CHEMICAL PREPARATIONS WHICH MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN THIS CATEGORY, USDOC INDUSTRY ANALYST IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION.

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6. IF QUESTIONS REMAIN, WE WOULD BE MOST WILLING TO PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS UPON RECEIPT FROM THE POST OF CURRENT TARIFF INFORMATION ON ALL LINE ITEMS WITHIN THE FOUR-DIGIT BTN CATEGORIES UNDER CONSIDERATION. VANCE

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